

**REMARKS**

Claims 3-4, 6-7, 9-24, 27, 30, 33, 35-36, 38-40, 43, and 50-51 have been amended in the instant Preliminary Amendment. Thus, claims 1-51 are currently pending.

The amendments to the specification are made in adherence with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-1.825. This amendment is accompanied by a floppy disc containing the above named sequences, SEQUENCE ID NUMBERS 1-82 in computer readable form, and a paper copy of the sequence information.

The information contained in the computer readable disc is identical to that of the paper copy in adherence with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f). This amendment contains no new matter in adherence with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(g). Applicant submits that this amendment, the accompanying computer readable sequence listing, and the paper copy thereof serve to place this application in a condition of adherence to the rules 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-1.825.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extension of time or additional claims, and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. 187104/US/BM).

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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